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HIGHLIGHTS

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Revised 1981 and 1980 nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates by industry for New Mexico, the Albuquerque area and the Las Cruces area are included in this issue.

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According to preliminary labor force estimates, total employment in New Mexico remained relatively unchanged during February while the number of jobless declined by 1,600. The State's unemployment rate edged down from January's 7.8 percent to 7.5 percent in February. The U. S. unemployment rate in February was 9.6 percent, up from 9.4 percent in January.

Labor force figures for 1981 are now available for all states, and although New Mexico's unemployment situation compared favorably with much of the country, our state's 7.3 percent jobless rate was higher than any of our border states. Listed below are the 1981 unemployment rates for New Mexico and adjacent states.

New Mexico	7.3%
Arizona	6.1%
Utah	6.7%
Colorado	5.5%
Oklahoma	3.6%
Texas	5.3%

Revisions of 1981 and 1980 nonagricultural industry employment estimates have been completed and the new statewide figures are shown on pages 6 and 7 of this issue. Generally 1981 was a year of slow growth in New Mexico. Total nonfarm jobs grew by 9,900 or 2.1 percent in 1981, better than the one percent increase shown in 1980 but considerably short of the six and seven percent gains shown in 1977 and 1978. During the decade of the 1970s, New Mexico's nonfarm employment grew at a yearly average of 4.8 percent.

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FEBRUARY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Feb 1982	Jan 1982	Feb 1981	Jan 1982	Feb 1981
Civilian Labor Force	570,200	571,500	561,700	-1,300	+8,500
Employment	527,500	527,200	518,000	+ 300	+9,500
Unemployment	42,700	44,300	43,700	-1,600	-1,000
Rate (Actual)	7.5	7.8	7.8		

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim FEB 1982	Revised JAN 1982	Revised FEB 1981	Change From FEB JAN 1982	Change From FEB 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	471,700	470,900	467,100	+ 800	+4,600
MINING	30,700	31,000	30,300	- 300	+ 400
Metal Mining	8,700	8,900	9,900	- 200	-1,200
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	5,400	5,600	5,500	- 200	- 100
Oil and Gas Extraction	16,600	16,500	14,900	+ 100	+1,700
CONSTRUCTION	30,200	30,600	31,100	- 400	- 900
MANUFACTURING	33,000	33,200	33,600	- 200	- 600
Durable Goods	20,300	20,500	20,400	- 200	- 100
Lumber and Wood Products	2,100	2,200	2,600	- 100	- 500
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	3,700	3,600	3,200	+ 100	+ 500
Transportation Equipment	3,600	3,700	3,800	- 100	- 200
Other Durable Goods	10,900	11,000	10,800	- 100	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	12,700	12,700	13,200	0	- 500
Food and Kindred Products	3,700	3,700	4,200	0	- 500
Textiles and Apparel	3,400	3,400	3,600	0	- 200
Other Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,400	0	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,900	28,800	28,800	+ 100	+ 100
Railroad Transportation	2,800	2,800	3,100	0	- 300
Trucking and Warehousing	5,600	5,600	5,400	0	+ 200
Other Transportation	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0
Communication	7,100	7,100	7,600	0	- 500
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,700	9,600	9,000	+ 100	+ 700
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	106,700	108,000	101,600	-1,300	+5,100
Wholesale Trade	23,100	23,000	21,800	+ 100	+1,300
Durable Goods	14,000	14,000	13,200	0	+ 800
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,000	8,600	+ 100	+ 500
Retail Trade	83,600	85,000	79,800	-1,400	+3,800
General Merchandise Stores	10,600	11,200	10,100	- 600	+ 500
Food Stores	12,200	12,200	12,000	0	+ 200
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,600	11,600	11,800	0	- 200
Eating and Drinking Places	28,600	28,800	26,000	- 200	+2,600
Other Retail Trade	20,600	21,200	19,900	- 600	+ 700
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	21,700	21,700	21,000	0	+ 700
Banking	7,600	7,600	7,200	0	+ 400
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8,700	8,700	8,400	0	+ 300
SERVICES	93,400	92,800	92,600	+ 600	+ 800
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9,700	9,700	9,200	0	+ 500
Personal Services	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	+ 100
Business Services	19,900	19,800	20,100	+ 100	- 200
Health Services	23,100	23,100	21,600	0	+1,500
Social Services	6,400	6,300	10,000	+ 100	-3,600
Membership Organizations	4,900	4,700	4,600	+ 200	+ 300
Other Services	24,600	24,400	22,400	+ 200	+2,200
GOVERNMENT	127,100	124,800	128,100	+2,300	-1,000
Federal	28,100	28,100	29,400	0	-1,300
State 2/	45,800	44,100	45,800	+1,700	0
Local	53,200	52,600	52,900	+ 600	+ 300

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

Included in this issue are the newly revised 1980 and 1981 monthly nonagricultural employment estimates by industry. The primary effects of these revisions are that durable goods manufacturing, eating and drinking places, and wholesale trade had significantly higher employment than shown in the original figures for late 1981.

Total employment declined by 100 in February in the Albuquerque Area to stand a scant 100 above a year ago. The February decrease in nonfarm jobs, also 100, can be compared with the average employment increase of 600 experienced in the four previous years. What was different this year was the unusually small seasonal increase in government.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for this February indicate that four major industry groups have had job losses from a year ago, while three major industries have increased since February 1981. The losses are in government, construction, manufacturing, and in the transportation and communications group. A gain of 1,800 occurred in wholesale and retail trade, mostly in eating and drinking places. An annual increase of 2,000 in services was concentrated in the health and business services sectors.

The number of persons unemployed (not seasonally adjusted) in the nation was 10,738,000 in February 1982, of whom 15,100 were in the Albuquerque Area. The U. S. unemployment rate was 9.6 in February compared with 7.3 percent here. The national unemployment rate for youth 16 to 19 years of age was 24.4 percent this month.

FEBRUARY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Feb 1982	Jan 1982	Feb 1981	Jan 1982	Feb 1981
Civilian Labor Force	208,100	209,000	209,700	-900	-1,600
Employment	193,000	193,100	192,900	-100	+ 100
Unemployment	15,100	15,900	16,800	-800	-1,700
Rate (Actual)	7.3	7.6	8.0		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim FEB 1982	Revised JAN 1982	Revised FEB 1981	FEB Change From JAN 1982	FEB Change From FEB 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	186,600	186,700	185,800	- 100	+ 800
CONSTRUCTION	11,000	10,900	11,400	+ 100	- 400
MANUFACTURING	17,000	17,100	17,400	- 100	- 400
Durable Goods	11,900	11,900	12,100	0	- 200
Nondurable Goods	5,100	5,200	5,300	- 100	- 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,500	11,500	11,900	0	- 400
Transportation	5,300	5,400	5,400	- 100	- 100
Communication	3,800	3,800	4,300	0	- 500
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,300	2,200	+ 100	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	48,000	48,500	46,200	- 500	+1,800
Wholesale Trade	13,400	13,400	13,000	0	+ 400
Durable Goods	9,000	9,000	8,600	0	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Retail Trade	34,600	35,100	33,200	- 500	+1,400
General Merchandise Stores	4,000	4,200	4,000	- 200	0
Food Stores	3,900	3,800	4,100	+ 100	- 200
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	13,000	13,100	11,700	- 100	+1,300
Other Retail Trade	9,500	9,800	9,300	- 300	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	10,800	10,900	10,700	- 100	+ 100
Banking	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,600	4,700	4,600	- 100	0
SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS	46,300	46,100	44,300	+ 200	+2,000
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	+ 100
Health Services	11,000	11,100	10,200	- 100	+ 800
Social Services	2,500	2,400	2,700	+ 100	- 200
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,600	1,400	0	+ 200
Other Services and Mining	28,600	28,400	27,500	+ 200	+1,100
GOVERNMENT	42,000	41,700	43,900	+ 300	-1,900
Federal	11,800	12,100	12,700	- 300	- 900
State	12,100	11,700	12,500	+ 400	- 400
Local	18,100	17,900	18,700	+ 200	- 600

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim FEB 1982	Revised JAN 1982	Revised FEB 1981	FEB Change From JAN 1982	FEB Change From FEB 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	30,700	30,800	29,825	-100	+875
CONSTRUCTION	1,675	1,675	1,750	0	- 75
MANUFACTURING	2,600	2,625	2,525	- 25	+ 75
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,225	1,225	- 25	- 25
Transportation	575	575	575	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	625	650	650	- 25	- 25
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,575	5,675	5,150	-100	+425
Wholesale Trade	925	925	900	0	+ 25
Retail Trade	4,650	4,750	4,250	-100	+400
General Merchandise Stores	725	775	600	- 50	+125
Food Stores	600	600	600	0	0
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	725	750	725	- 25	0
Eating & Drinking Places	1,625	1,650	1,450	- 25	+175
Other Retail Trade	975	975	875	0	+100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,200	1,200	1,150	0	+ 50
SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS	4,200	4,200	4,150	0	+ 50
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	675	675	650	0	+ 25
Business Services	700	700	700	0	0
Health Services	725	725	675	0	+ 50
Social Services	300	300	425	0	-125
Other Services	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	+100
GOVERNMENT	14,250	14,200	13,875	+ 50	+375
Federal	4,400	4,500	4,200	-100	+200
State	5,350	5,300	5,425	+ 50	- 75
Local	4,500	4,400	4,250	+100	+250

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEB 1982	JAN 1982	FEB 1981	FEB 1982	JAN 1982	FEB 1981	FEB 1982	JAN 1982	FEB 1981
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$441.76	$441.19	$425.60	42.6	42.3	44.8	$10.37	$10.43	$9.50
CONSTRUCTION	366.46	362.27	355.22	36.5	34.8	36.1	10.04	10.41	9.84
MANUFACTURING	274.38	264.80	244.51	38.7	38.1	39.5	7.09	6.95	6.19
Durable Goods	296.03	287.65	266.98	38.9	38.2	41.2	7.61	7.53	6.48
Nondurable Goods	229.36	219.08	202.55	38.1	38.1	36.3	6.02	5.75	5.58
COMM and UTIL	370.96	370.15	337.01	40.9	40.9	40.8	9.07	9.05	8.26
TRADE *	227.75	235.25	233.22	34.3	34.8	34.5	6.64	6.76	6.76
BANKING	186.20	181.04	179.01	38.0	36.5	39.0	4.90	4.96	4.59
ALBUQUERQUE									
Manufacturing	$283.80	$275.94	$251.07	38.3	37.8	40.3	$7.41	$7.30	$6.23

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

NEW MEXICO ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT
1972 Standard Industrial Classification
January 1981 - December 1981 - In Thousands - Revised March 1982

INDUSTRY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	465.6	467.1	470.6	475.0	478.5	478.9	475.9	477.9	479.7	478.6	476.6	479.0	475.3
MINING	30.5	30.3	30.6	30.8	31.3	32.1	31.7	32.3	31.8	31.4	31.3	31.4	31.3
Metal Mining	10.2	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.2	9.6	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.6
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying & Nonmetallic Mining	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.1	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.9	14.9	15.3	15.8	16.2	16.6	16.8	17.0	16.7	16.4	16.4	16.6	16.1
CONSTRUCTION	31.1	31.1	31.5	32.9	33.7	34.1	34.2	34.1	33.9	34.2	33.7	31.6	33.0
MANUFACTURING	33.8	33.6	33.7	33.7	34.2	34.5	34.4	34.7	34.2	34.6	33.8	33.8	34.1
Durable Goods	20.6	20.4	20.5	20.8	21.1	21.3	21.3	21.2	20.6	21.0	20.6	20.7	20.8
Lumber & Wood Products	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.6
Elec & Electronic Equipment	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4
Transportation Equipment	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.1	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
Other Durable Goods	10.8	10.8	10.8	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.1
Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.2	13.2	12.9	13.1	13.2	13.1	13.5	13.6	13.6	13.2	13.1	13.2
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.1
Textile & Apparel	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5
Other Nondurable Goods	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28.9	28.8	29.1	28.9	29.1	28.6	28.6	28.6	29.3	29.3	29.3	29.4	29.0
Railroad Transportation	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.0
Trucking & Warehousing	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.2	5.7
Other Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5
Communication	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.4
Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	102.7	101.6	102.7	103.8	106.0	107.2	107.7	108.6	108.9	108.5	109.5	111.7	106.6
Wholesale Trade	21.7	21.8	22.1	22.3	22.5	22.9	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.2	22.7
Durable Goods	13.1	13.2	13.4	13.5	13.6	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	14.0	13.7
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.0
Retail Trade	81.0	79.8	80.6	81.5	83.5	84.3	84.7	85.6	85.9	85.4	86.3	88.5	83.9
General Merchandise Stores	10.6	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.4	10.3	10.5	10.8	10.8	11.0	11.6	12.5	10.7
Food Stores	11.8	12.0	12.1	11.6	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.3	12.0	12.1	12.4	12.0
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	12.0	11.8	11.8	12.0	12.0	12.2	12.1	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.9
Eating & Drinking Places	26.2	26.0	26.6	27.5	28.3	28.9	29.0	29.4	29.6	29.3	29.3	29.5	28.3
Other Retail Trade	20.4	19.9	20.1	20.3	20.9	21.0	21.1	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.6	22.4	21.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.0	21.0	21.1	21.5	21.6	21.9	22.0	21.9	21.7	21.5	21.6	21.7	21.5
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.4
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.8	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.7
SERVICES	92.3	92.6	94.1	95.3	94.6	96.8	97.2	96.9	94.0	92.9	91.6	92.8	94.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.2	9.2	9.2	10.0	10.2	10.7	11.1	11.1	10.6	10.3	10.1	9.9	10.1
Personal Services	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
Business Services	19.8	20.1	20.1	20.2	20.1	20.2	20.3	20.2	20.3	20.7	20.3	20.7	20.3
Health Services	21.5	21.6	21.7	21.8	21.9	22.2	22.4	22.6	22.6	22.5	22.2	22.6	22.1
Social Services	10.2	10.0	11.2	11.1	9.7	9.2	8.9	8.7	7.9	6.9	6.7	6.5	8.9
Membership Organizations	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.9	6.1	6.2	6.0	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.8	5.0
Other Services	22.3	22.4	22.6	22.7	23.3	23.9	23.8	23.8	23.3	23.2	23.1	23.7	23.2
GOVERNMENT	125.3	128.1	127.8	128.1	128.0	123.7	120.1	120.8	125.9	126.2	125.8	126.6	125.5
Federal	29.2	29.4	29.4	29.8	30.6	30.6	30.7	30.4	29.5	28.8	28.2	28.2	29.6
State	43.9	45.8	45.5	45.4	44.3	41.0	40.6	41.3	45.5	45.1	45.1	45.6	44.1
Local	52.2	52.9	52.9	52.9	53.1	52.1	48.8	49.1	50.9	52.3	52.5	52.8	51.9

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INDUSTRY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	454.5	458.7	463.5	462.9	467.1	465.6	464.7	467.5	469.5	469.5	468.8	472.0	465.4
MINING	28.7	29.0	29.2	29.0	29.9	30.0	29.7	29.2	29.7	29.4	29.5	29.8	29.4
Metal Mining	11.3	11.3	11.2	10.9	11.1	11.0	10.4	9.7	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.7
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying & Nonmetallic Mining	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	12.2	12.5	12.8	12.8	13.4	13.6	13.9	14.1	14.0	13.8	13.9	14.2	13.4
CONSTRUCTION	30.5	30.7	31.4	30.4	30.6	31.8	32.6	33.2	33.0	34.4	33.4	33.0	32.1
MANUFACTURING	34.6	34.6	34.7	34.5	34.4	34.4	33.4	34.0	34.6	34.6	34.4	34.2	34.4
Durable Goods	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.7	20.6	20.5	20.1	20.1	20.3	20.3	20.7	20.7	20.5
Lumber & Wood Products	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.2	2.6	2.6	2.6
Elec & Electronic Equipment	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5
Transportation Equipment	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9
Other Durable Goods	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.2	10.3	10.7	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.5
Nondurable Goods	13.7	13.8	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.9	13.3	13.9	14.3	14.3	13.7	13.5	13.8
Food & Kindred Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.6	5.1	5.1	4.5	4.3	4.6
Textile & Apparel	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8
Other Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	27.9	27.9	28.1	28.3	28.3	27.9	27.6	27.8	28.5	28.9	29.0	29.3	28.3
Railroad Transportation	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Trucking & Warehousing	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.4
Other Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.0	2.7	2.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5
Communication	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.5
Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services	8.5	8.5	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	102.1	100.8	101.1	101.8	103.0	103.7	103.8	105.0	104.5	103.8	104.3	106.6	103.4
Wholesale Trade	20.9	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.3	21.2	21.3	21.4	21.8	21.7	21.9	21.4
Durable Goods	12.7	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.8	12.9	13.2	13.1	13.2	12.9
Nondurable Goods	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.5
Retail Trade	81.2	79.7	79.9	80.7	81.8	82.4	82.6	83.7	83.1	82.0	82.6	84.7	82.0
General Merchandise Stores	10.9	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.6	11.1	11.9	10.7
Food Stores	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.5	11.8	11.8	12.0	11.8	12.0	12.2	11.6
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	12.8	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.5	12.5	12.3	12.3	12.6
Eating & Drinking Places	25.3	25.0	25.4	26.0	26.8	27.0	26.9	27.8	27.7	26.9	26.7	26.9	26.5
Other Retail Trade	21.0	20.6	20.5	20.4	20.6	20.7	20.7	20.8	20.5	20.2	20.5	21.4	20.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.1	20.9	20.9	21.0	20.9	21.1	21.2	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1
Banking	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	8.7	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.7	8.6
SERVICES	88.8	90.0	91.1	90.6	91.7	94.0	96.6	95.1	92.0	90.5	89.8	91.2	91.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.5	10.1	10.5	10.6	10.1	9.9	9.6	9.3	9.7
Personal Services	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6
Business Services	18.6	18.8	18.7	18.5	18.2	18.9	19.3	19.1	19.2	18.8	18.9	19.6	18.9
Health Services	19.9	20.1	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.7	21.1	21.2	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.5	20.8
Social Services	9.9	10.1	11.0	10.8	10.5	10.7	12.0	10.9	10.2	9.5	9.1	8.9	10.3
Membership Organizations	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.3	6.2	6.2	5.8	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.3
Other Services	21.5	21.8	21.9	21.9	23.3	22.9	23.0	23.0	21.8	21.8	21.7	22.4	22.2
GOVERNMENT	120.8	124.8	127.0	127.3	128.3	122.7	119.8	122.0	126.1	126.7	127.3	126.7	125.0
Federal	28.9	29.3	29.4	31.2	31.9	32.2	30.9	30.7	29.6	29.5	29.6	29.4	30.2
State	40.1	42.7	44.0	42.9	42.9	38.1	40.6	41.3	44.7	45.3	45.5	44.7	42.7
Local	51.8	52.8	53.6	53.2	53.5	52.4	48.3	50.0	51.8	51.9	52.2	52.6	52.0

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	185.4	185.8	187.2	189.1	189.7	189.7	188.7	190.0	191.0	190.2	189.4	190.0	188.9
CONSTRUCTION	11.4	11.4	11.6	12.1	12.4	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.3	12.0	11.9	11.6	12.0
MANUFACTURING	17.6	17.4	17.4	17.8	17.9	18.1	18.1	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.5	17.5	17.7
Durable Goods	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.5	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.0	12.0	12.2
Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	11.8	11.9	12.0	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.7	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.8
Transportation	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.5
Communication	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	46.6	46.2	46.7	46.8	47.5	47.8	47.9	48.5	48.8	48.6	49.1	50.1	47.9
Wholesale Trade	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.1	13.2	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.3
Durable Goods	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.8
Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4
Retail Trade	33.7	33.2	33.7	33.7	34.3	34.5	34.5	35.0	35.4	35.2	35.7	36.6	34.6
General Merchandise Stores	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.1
Food Stores	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.3
Eating & Drinking Places	11.8	11.7	12.1	12.2	12.5	12.6	12.5	12.9	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.4	12.6
Other Retail Trade	9.5	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	10.0	10.4	9.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	10.7	10.7	10.8	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	10.9	10.9	11.0	10.9	10.9
Banking	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.9
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS	44.3	44.3	44.6	45.4	45.6	46.0	46.1	46.0	46.0	46.1	45.7	45.9	45.5
Hotel & Other Lodging Places	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7
Health Services	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.4	10.4	10.6	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.5	10.7	10.5
Social Services	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.6
Membership Organizations	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Other Services & Mining	27.6	27.5	27.5	28.0	28.0	28.1	28.1	28.0	28.3	28.4	28.3	28.4	28.0
GOVERNMENT	43.0	43.9	44.1	44.2	43.4	42.5	41.2	42.2	43.2	42.9	42.4	42.1	42.9
Federal	12.6	12.7	12.8	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	12.5	12.4	12.3	12.1	12.7
State	12.0	12.5	12.5	12.5	11.8	10.6	10.4	11.3	13.3	12.5	12.2	12.0	12.0
Local	18.4	18.7	18.8	18.8	18.6	18.9	17.8	17.9	17.4	18.0	17.9	18.0	18.3

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	184.8	186.1	187.6	186.2	187.2	184.8	186.0	188.2	187.8	187.6	188.2	188.9	186.9
CONSTRUCTION	13.5	13.5	13.4	12.5	12.4	12.6	13.3	13.4	13.2	13.2	12.9	12.7	13.1
MANUFACTURING	18.1	18.2	18.3	18.2	18.1	17.9	17.4	17.6	17.6	17.3	17.8	17.7	17.9
Durable Goods	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.4	12.2	11.9	12.0	12.0	11.8	12.3	12.3	12.3
Nondurable Goods	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.8	12.0	11.9	12.0	11.6
Transportation	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.4
Communication	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	46.7	46.1	46.1	46.4	46.6	46.8	46.7	47.1	47.4	47.1	47.4	48.3	46.9
Wholesale Trade	12.7	12.8	12.8	12.6	12.5	12.7	12.8	12.7	12.8	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.7
Durable Goods	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5
Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2
Retail Trade	34.0	33.3	33.3	33.8	34.1	34.1	33.9	34.4	34.6	34.2	34.6	35.5	34.2
General Merchandise Stores	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.9	4.4
Food Stores	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.0
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4
Eating & Drinking Places	10.9	10.8	11.0	11.4	11.8	11.8	11.7	12.1	12.3	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.6
Other Retail Trade	9.9	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.7	10.1	9.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	10.9	10.8	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.9
Banking	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS	43.0	43.2	43.5	43.2	43.3	43.4	44.2	43.9	44.1	43.9	43.8	44.3	43.6
Hotel & Other Lodging Places	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6
Health Services	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.9	10.0	10.1	9.8
Social Services	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7
Membership Organizations	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Other Services & Mining	26.9	27.0	27.1	26.9	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	27.1	27.1	27.1	27.5	27.0
GOVERNMENT	41.1	42.8	43.9	43.5	44.5	41.8	42.1	43.9	42.8	43.2	43.6	43.0	43.0
Federal	12.4	12.7	12.7	12.9	13.3	13.7	13.2	12.9	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.5	12.8
State	10.5	11.2	12.1	11.4	12.0	8.6	10.6	11.3	12.4	12.4	12.5	11.7	11.4
Local	18.2	18.9	19.1	19.2	19.2	19.5	18.3	19.7	18.0	18.5	18.6	18.8	18.8

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	29,550	29,825	29,975	30,200	30,400	29,400	28,575	28,475	29,925	30,900	30,575	31,000	29,900
CONSTRUCTION	1,725	1,750	1,675	1,725	1,900	1,800	1,775	1,750	1,725	1,725	1,675	1,700	1,750
MANUFACTURING	2,575	2,525	2,575	2,550	2,550	2,550	2,525	2,750	2,875	2,975	2,675	2,625	2,650
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,200	1,050	1,100	1,075	1,200	1,200	1,225	1,225	1,175
Transportation	575	575	575	575	550	400	450	425	550	550	575	575	525
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services	625	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,175	5,150	5,200	5,350	5,450	5,475	5,525	5,550	5,600	5,600	5,700	5,800	5,475
Wholesale Trade	925	900	875	900	925	950	975	950	925	925	950	950	925
Retail Trade	4,250	4,250	4,325	4,450	4,525	4,525	4,550	4,600	4,675	4,675	4,750	4,850	4,550
General Merchandise Stores	600	600	600	625	650	675	725	775	750	750	775	900	700
Food Stores	575	600	600	575	575	575	550	575	600	600	600	600	600
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	725	725	750	725	725	725	725	725	725	750	725	750	725
Eating & Drinking Places	1,425	1,450	1,475	1,625	1,650	1,625	1,625	1,575	1,625	1,625	1,675	1,600	1,575
Other Retail Trade	925	875	900	900	925	925	925	950	975	950	975	1,000	950
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,175	1,150	1,175	1,200	1,225	1,275	1,275	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,225	1,225
SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS	4,125	4,150	4,200	4,300	4,000	4,025	3,950	3,975	3,950	4,225	4,225	4,225	4,100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	650	625	650	650	650	625	650	650	650	650	675	650
Business Services	675	700	700	750	750	750	750	725	725	725	725	725	725
Health Services	675	675	675	675	675	700	700	700	700	700	725	725	700
Social Services	425	425	425	425	375	375	375	375	325	325	325	325	375
Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,775	1,800	1,550	1,550	1,500	1,525	1,550	1,825	1,800	1,775	1,650
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	13,575	13,875	13,925	13,850	14,075	13,225	12,425	12,125	13,325	13,925	13,825	14,200	13,525
Total Federal Government	4,075	4,200	4,200	4,125	4,425	4,275	4,325	4,250	4,250	4,300	4,075	4,375	4,250
Total State Government	5,300	5,425	5,450	5,425	5,350	4,675	4,275	4,200	4,900	5,375	5,450	5,425	5,100
Total Local Government	4,200	4,250	4,275	4,300	4,300	4,275	3,825	3,675	4,175	4,250	4,300	4,400	4,175

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	29,575	29,650	29,700	30,050	29,800	29,025	28,325	28,300	29,350	30,250	30,225	30,425	29,550
CONSTRUCTION	1,800	1,800	1,825	1,625	1,650	1,750	1,925	1,950	1,900	1,900	1,875	2,000	1,825
MANUFACTURING	2,675	2,600	2,600	2,625	2,575	2,550	2,625	2,775	2,850	2,875	2,625	2,600	2,675
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,225	1,150	1,075	1,000	1,025	1,125	1,175	1,200	1,200	1,150
Transportation	575	575	575	575	525	425	400	425	525	550	575	600	525
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services	625	625	625	650	625	650	600	600	600	625	625	600	625
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,350	5,275	5,300	5,375	5,375	5,300	5,225	5,275	5,325	5,325	5,325	5,450	5,325
Wholesale Trade	800	775	800	825	825	825	800	825	825	875	875	900	825
Retail Trade	4,550	4,500	4,500	4,550	4,550	4,475	4,425	4,450	4,500	4,450	4,450	4,550	4,500
General Merchandise Stores	600	600	575	600	600	575	600	600	600	575	575	650	600
Food Stores	600	600	575	600	575	575	550	550	600	575	575	600	575
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	800	800	800	775	775	775	775	750	750	775	800	775	775
Eating & Drinking Places	1,500	1,475	1,500	1,525	1,550	1,525	1,500	1,525	1,575	1,550	1,550	1,550	1,525
Other Retail Trade	1,050	1,025	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,025	1,000	1,025	975	975	950	975	1,025
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,125	1,150	1,100	1,150	1,175	1,200	1,200	1,225	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,175
SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS	4,075	4,125	4,125	4,150	3,925	3,800	3,975	3,800	3,800	4,175	4,200	4,125	4,025
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	650	650	675	700	650	625	650	600	650	675	625	650
Business Services	700	675	675	650	625	675	650	650	650	675	700	700	675
Health Services	625	625	625	625	650	650	650	650	650	675	675	675	650
Social Services	500	550	525	525	550	475	675	500	475	450	425	375	500
Other Services	1,600	1,625	1,650	1,675	1,400	1,350	1,375	1,350	1,425	1,725	1,725	1,750	1,550
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	13,350	13,500	13,550	13,900	13,950	13,350	12,375	12,250	13,150	13,600	13,800	13,850	13,375
Total Federal Government	4,175	4,175	4,175	4,450	4,525	4,600	4,400	4,300	4,250	4,200	4,250	4,225	4,300
Total State Government	5,125	5,250	5,275	5,300	5,225	4,575	4,325	4,275	5,000	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,050
Total Local Government	4,050	4,075	4,100	4,150	4,200	4,175	3,650	3,675	3,900	4,000	4,150	4,225	4,025

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Sperry Flight Systems will more than double the size of its new 110,000 square foot manufacturing plant. Sperry, which works on defense-related projects such as the B-1 bomber and the F-15 jet fighter, is planning to expand employment by between 800 and 1,000 by spring of 1983. Sperry currently employs 400 workers at its two Albuquerque plants, one at 2421 Aztec Court N.E. and the new facility at 2421 Aztec N.E. off I-25 North.

Construction on the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel at I-40 and Louisiana N.E. is ahead of schedule and the facility should open the first week in July. The $22 million, 414 room facility will employ approximately 400 persons. A. S. Horner Company has begun work on a $5.9 million bridge over the Rio Grande at Central Avenue. Presbyterian Hospital opened its new $22 million, 227,000 square foot addition which had been under construction since the summer of 1979. The First New Mexico Bankshare Corporation is investigating the possibility of constructing a 10 to 12 story office building in the downtown area. The new building would be located on the corner of Fourth Street and Roma N.W.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - Petroplex Home Sales of Odessa, Texas has purchased the Carrizo Lodge and surrounding property in Carrizozo with plans to construct several hundred condominiums on the site. Ruidoso Downs Race Track's 1982 horse racing schedule will begin May 8. Ruidoso Downs is currently undergoing extensive remodeling and the track is expected to have seating capacity in excess of 5,000 this season. Work is scheduled to begin in May on Ruidoso's new $600,000 police and court facility.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Work on the $1 billion Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad is continuing. The proposed FY 1983 federal budget includes $110.8 million for WIPP and approximately the same amount is being proposed for FY 1984. Approximately 100 workers are employed at the WIPP site presently; however, employment could range between 300 and 500 by the spring of 1983 according to project officials. Furrs Incorporated is planning a new 34,000 square foot grocery store in Artesia and construction is scheduled to begin this summer on the facility.

BELEN/SOCORRO AREA - Cibola Energy Corporation, an Albuquerque based oil and gas exploration firm, plans to begin exploration on approximately 40,000 acres southeast of Belen. Cibola recently acquired mineral rights to the land and the company plans to begin seismic surveys by the end of this year. A new 48,000 square foot Bag and Save warehouse-type grocery store opened in Los Lunas in March.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - A new Hacienda Home Center (building materials and hardware) has opened in Clovis. Enserch Exploration Company has canceled plans to build a natural gas processing plant near Elida because the firm's Peterson field gas wells failed to reach anticipated production levels.

FARMINGTON AREA - Burnett Construction Company of Durango, Colorado was low bidder on a $2.9 million highway construction project on N.M. 371 south of Farmington. Creamland Dairies is closing its Farmington processing plant but the company will still operate its sales and distribution center. Jaynes Corporation was awarded a $761,000 contract to construct a new city complex in Bloomfield.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - The Navajo tribe laid off 64 persons at its Forest Products Industries in western McKinley County due to the continuing slump in home construction. Approximately 200 of the remaining 250 workers were put on reduced hours. Carbon Coal Company is planning to begin construction this summer on their proposed new coal mine near Gallup. The new mine could go into production late this year with a workforce of approximately 50 persons.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Work has begun on the new $4 million Lea County criminal detention center in Lovington. A new $700,000, 40 room motel is under construction in Hobbs. The new facility, named Motel K, is being built by a San Diego land developer. The Hobbs School System is planning a $1 million expansion project at Heizer Junior High School.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Work has begun on a $3 million bank office project for Western Bank in Las Cruces. Construction is scheduled to begin in September or October on the 200 room, $13 million Hilton Inn to be built at Telshor and Lohman in Las Cruces. A new 43,800 square foot Smith Food and Drug Center, employing 78 persons, opened in Las Cruces in early March.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Luna Vocational Technical Institute is being allocated $2.1 million from Senate Bill 1, passed by the recent New Mexico Legislature, to construct a new Learning Resource Center. Work on the new facility is expected to begin late this year.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - The Department of Energy has awarded a $682,000 contract to Eidson Metal Products Incorporated of Albuquerque for construction of a water storage facility at Los Alamos.

RATON AREA - Morgan Building Corporation's manufacturing plant in Raton is now employing 32 persons constructing more than 2,500 buildings per year. The Morgan plant has been in operation in Raton since 1975. A new Ben Franklin variety store has opened in Raton.

ROSWELL AREA - Levi Strauss and Company closed its Roswell plant for one week in early March. Approximately 500 workers were affected by the closure. Western Company of North America is opening an oilfield service facility at the Roswell Industrial Air Center. Western currently operates a branch office in Artesia and combined employment at both facilities is expected to total about 200. The First National Bank of Roswell is planning to build a 12 story, 12.5 million office building in downtown Roswell. Halliburton Services Company is locating an oilfield service facility in Roswell which should employ about 150 persons when in full operation.

SANTA FE AREA - The Downs at Santa Fe has begun a $750,000 improvement project which should be complete in time for the May 7th opening of its 1982 season. Nielsons Incorporated of Cortez, Colorado has received the contract for construction of a $10.8 million sewage treatment plant for Santa Fe. The State Game and Fish Department is planning a $2.6 million renovation project at the Lisboa Springs fish hatchery near Pecos. Work is expected to begin on the project late this summer. The State Highway Department is scheduled to lay off approximately 100 administrative employees effective July 1st because of funding cutbacks.

SILVER CITY AREA - Chino Mines Company has announced the indefinite shutdown of its copper mine and mill to take place over a three month period beginning March 28th. Approximately 600 workers will be laid off the end of March, and most of the remainder of their workforce will be laid off by or before June 1st.

Frank Tatsch Construction was the low bidder of $10.9 million for construction of the new Grant County Hospital in Silver City. Boliden Minerals, Incorporated of Canada has entered into an agreement with Exxon Minerals to develop the Pinos Altos copper/zinc/silver deposit near Silver City. The scope of the work Boliden has planned was not disclosed.

TUCUMCARI AREA - Work has begun on the $12.5 million ethanol plant being built by Grain Power Incorporated. The plant is expected to be completed in one year and employ about 20 persons when in operation.

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February 1982 CPI-U - 283.4

(Base 1967=100)

CPI-W - 282.9

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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All major industries except manufacturing experienced job growth in 1981. Manufacturing lost 300 jobs during the year, mostly in food products, textiles and transportation equipment. The major industry which grew the fastest in 1981 was mining, with a gain of 1,900 or 6.5 percent; however, diverse trends were evident within the industry. The oil and gas extraction sector continued to expand significantly during the year while the metal sector experienced job losses, mainly in uranium and copper mining.

Trade grew by 3,400 jobs during 1981, the most jobs added by any industry. Most of the trade increase was in eating and drinking places, food stores and wholesale durable goods. The only job losses in trade were auto dealers and service stations, with a combined decrease of 700 jobs during the year.

OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 1982 [1]				REVISED JANUARY 1982 [1]				REVISED FEBRUARY 1981 [1]			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	570,151	527,476	42,675	7.5	571,480	527,210	44,270	7.7	561,693	518,025	43,668	7.8
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA [2]	208,179	193,045	15,134	7.3	209,047	193,126	15,921	7.6	209,666	192,868	16,798	8.0
LAS CRUCES SMSA [3]	36,082	33,471	2,611	7.2	35,420	32,807	2,613	7.4	34,570	31,843	2,727	7.9
Catron	900	681	219	24.3	874	658	216	24.7	839	712	127	15.1
Chaves	21,484	20,559	925	4.3	21,464	20,443	1,021	4.8	20,872	19,790	1,082	5.2
Colfax	6,057	5,667	390	6.4	6,096	5,706	390	6.4	6,018	5,522	496	8.2
Curry	14,112	13,309	803	5.7	14,146	13,358	788	5.6	14,216	13,257	959	6.7
De Baca	941	908	33	3.5	953	919	34	3.6	913	905	8	0.9
Eddy	22,868	21,810	1,058	4.6	23,162	22,202	960	4.1	21,500	20,453	1,047	4.9
Grant	11,988	10,628	1,360	11.3	12,485	11,121	1,364	10.9	10,184	9,518	666	6.5
Guadalupe	1,442	1,304	138	9.6	1,450	1,318	132	9.1	1,484	1,265	219	14.8
Harding	610	599	11	1.8	620	594	26	4.2	644	631	13	2.0
Hidalgo	2,332	2,208	124	5.3	2,284	2,167	117	5.1	2,290	2,208	82	3.6
Lea	33,137	32,245	892	2.7	33,123	32,027	1,096	3.3	29,843	29,046	797	2.7
Lincoln	6,217	6,031	186	3.0	6,364	6,099	265	4.2	5,830	5,593	237	4.1
Los Alamos	10,587	10,407	180	1.7	10,672	10,391	281	2.6	10,381	10,115	266	2.6
Luna	4,840	4,363	477	9.9	4,917	4,448	469	9.5	4,822	4,249	573	11.9
McKinley	18,969	16,967	2,002	10.6	18,966	16,972	1,994	10.5	19,083	17,172	1,911	10.0
Mora	1,062	680	382	36.0	1,017	655	362	35.6	1,111	703	408	36.7
Otero	13,145	12,098	1,047	8.0	13,214	12,082	1,132	8.6	13,176	12,080	1,096	8.3
Quay	4,709	4,370	339	7.2	4,714	4,344	370	7.8	4,768	4,364	404	8.5
Rio Arriba	10,970	8,474	2,496	22.8	10,597	8,211	2,386	22.5	10,815	8,457	2,358	21.8
Roosevelt	7,176	6,910	266	3.7	7,172	6,870	302	4.2	7,312	7,082	230	3.1
San Juan	40,704	37,225	3,479	8.5	41,106	37,377	3,729	9.1	38,431	35,662	2,769	7.2
San Miguel	8,929	7,984	945	10.6	8,587	7,658	929	10.8	8,687	7,640	1,047	12.1
Santa Fe	36,013	33,625	2,388	6.6	35,992	33,533	2,459	6.8	35,983	33,456	2,527	7.0
Sierra	2,943	2,847	96	3.3	2,871	2,798	73	2.5	2,909	2,822	87	3.0
Socorro	4,505	4,135	370	8.2	4,321	3,941	380	8.8	4,572	4,210	362	7.9
Taos	10,164	8,593	1,571	15.5	10,259	8,598	1,661	16.2	9,829	8,271	1,558	15.9
Torrance	2,148	2,035	113	5.3	2,198	2,091	107	4.9	2,057	1,967	90	4.4
Union	2,185	2,075	110	5.0	2,220	2,119	101	4.5	2,312	2,239	73	3.2
Valencia, Cibola [4]	24,753	22,223	2,530	10.2	25,169	22,577	2,592	10.3	26,576	23,925	2,651	10.0

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.

3/ Dona Ana County.

4/ Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia counties are not yet available.

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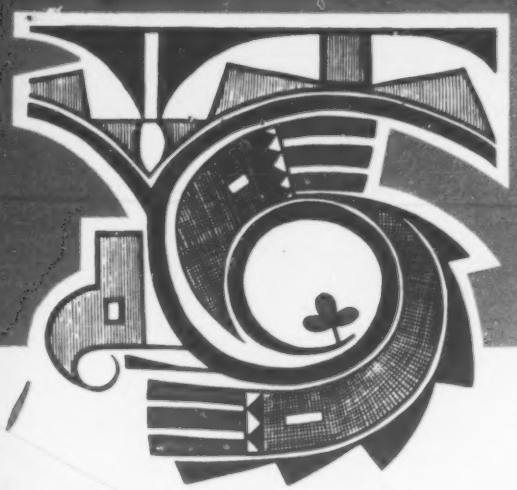

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment situation worsened during March according to preliminary labor force data. The number of persons unemployed grew by 1,200 during the month to a total of 44,200 and the state's unemployment rate edged up by two tenths of a percentage point to 7.7 percent. Normally the jobless rate can be expected to decrease somewhat between February and March. Indications are that this may be the beginning of an upward trend in New Mexico's unemployment rate as recessionary pressures begin to take their toll on the state's economy. Up to March, the state's unemployment rate had been remarkably stable in comparison to the nationwide jobless indicator which has jumped over two percentage points over the last six months. The U. S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 9.5 percent this March.

Nonfarm payroll jobs in New Mexico totaled 472,700 in March, up by 1,500 from February. All major industries except mining and transportation added jobs during the month; however the gains, in most cases, were less than normally expected. Health services, eating and drinking places, other retail and construction accounted for virtually all of the monthly increase. The two major industry job losses over the month were caused by systemwide Santa Fe Railway layoffs in transportation and copper industry layoffs in metal mining. Metal mining employment is expected to fall substantially over the next several months as recent large layoffs by Kennecott and Phelps Dodge in the Silver City area and the shutdown of the Anaconda uranium mine and mill near Grants show up in the employment estimates.

Over the last 12 months individual industry sectors adding the most jobs were eating & drinking places, oil & gas extraction, health services and other services. The other services sector is comprised of industries such as auto repairs, amusements & recreation and legal, educational and accounting services.

Large job losers since March 1981 were social services, metal mining and federal government. All three sectors declined by 1,000 or more jobs.

MARCH SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Mar 1982	Feb 1982	Mar 1981	Feb 1982	Mar 1981
Civilian Labor Force	572,500	570,000	568,100	+2,500	+4,400
Employment	528,300	527,000	523,600	+1,300	+4,700
Unemployment	44,200	43,000	44,500	+1,200	- 300
Rate (Actual)	7.7	7.5	7.8		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	Revised	Revised	Change From	
	MAR 1982	FEB 1982	MAR 1981	FEB 1982	MAR 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	472,700	471,200	470,600	+1,500	+2,100
MINING	30,600	30,700	30,600	- 100	0
Metal Mining	8,400	8,600	9,800	- 200	-1,400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	5,300	5,300	5,500	0	- 200
Oil and Gas Extraction	16,900	16,800	15,300	+ 100	+1,600
CONSTRUCTION	31,000	30,500	31,500	+ 500	- 500
MANUFACTURING	33,200	33,200	33,700	0	- 500
Durable Goods	20,400	20,300	20,500	+ 100	- 100
Lumber and Wood Products	2,000	1,900	2,600	+ 100	- 600
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	3,700	3,700	3,300	0	+ 400
Transportation Equipment	3,700	3,800	3,800	- 100	- 100
Other Durable Goods	11,000	10,900	10,800	+ 100	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	12,800	12,900	13,200	- 100	- 400
Food and Kindred Products	3,800	3,800	4,100	0	- 300
Textiles and Apparel	3,400	3,400	3,600	0	- 200
Other Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,700	5,500	- 100	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,800	29,100	29,100	- 300	- 300
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,800	3,100	- 400	- 700
Trucking and Warehousing	5,700	5,700	5,500	0	+ 200
Other Transportation	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0
Communication	7,400	7,300	7,700	+ 100	- 300
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,600	9,600	9,100	0	+ 500
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	106,500	106,000	102,700	+ 500	+3,800
Wholesale Trade	22,900	22,900	22,100	0	+ 800
Durable Goods	13,900	13,900	13,400	0	+ 500
Nondurable Goods	9,000	9,000	8,700	0	+ 300
Retail Trade	83,600	83,100	80,600	+ 500	+3,000
General Merchandise Stores	10,400	10,500	10,000	- 100	+ 400
Food Stores	12,300	12,400	12,100	- 100	+ 200
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,500	11,500	11,800	0	- 300
Eating and Drinking Places	28,700	28,300	26,600	+ 400	+2,100
Other Retail Trade	20,700	20,400	20,100	+ 300	+ 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	21,800	21,700	21,100	+ 100	+ 700
Banking	7,600	7,600	7,200	0	+ 400
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,300	5,400	+ 100	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8,800	8,800	8,500	0	+ 300
SERVICES	93,700	93,200	94,100	+ 500	- 400
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9,700	9,500	9,200	+ 200	+ 500
Personal Services	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Business Services	20,100	20,100	20,100	0	0
Health Services	23,500	23,200	21,700	+ 300	+1,800
Social Services	6,500	6,400	11,200	+ 100	-4,700
Membership Organizations	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	+ 100
Other Services	24,500	24,600	22,600	- 100	+1,900
GOVERNMENT	127,100	126,800	127,800	+ 300	- 700
Federal	28,400	28,300	29,400	+ 100	-1,000
State 2/	45,200	45,100	45,500	+ 100	- 300
Local	53,500	53,400	52,900	+ 100	+ 600

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment picture saw no improvement during March as the unemployment rate remained unchanged over the month at 7.3 percent. Total employment was up only slightly while the number of jobless was unchanged at 15,300. The Statewide unemployment rate was 7.7 percent in March.

Nonagricultural payroll employment totaled 187,500 in March, up by 800 from the previous month. Most of the gain was accounted for by normal seasonal increases in construction and lodging places. The only other notable job increase was in health services, caused largely by expansion at an Albuquerque hospital. The only significant job loss during March was in transportation as Santa Fe Railway laid off workers.

As of March, trade and services were the only major industries in the Albuquerque area with employment significantly above year ago levels. Employment in finance, insurance & real estate was virtually the same as last year while the remaining major industries lost jobs over the last 12 months. The most sizeable loss was in the public sector, as federal, state and local government all posted declines totaling 1,600 jobs.

MARCH SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Mar 1982	Feb 1982	Mar 1981	Feb 1982	Mar 1981
Civilian Labor Force	209,200	208,300	211,200	+900	-2,000
Employment	193,900	193,000	194,600	+900	- 700
Unemployment	15,300	15,300	16,600	0	-1,300
Rate	7.3	7.3	7.9		

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAR 1982	Revised FEB 1982	Revised MAR 1981	MAR Change From FEB 1982	MAR 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	187,500	186,700	187,200	+800	+ 300
CONSTRUCTION	11,300	10,900	11,600	+400	- 300
MANUFACTURING	16,900	17,000	17,400	-100	- 500
Durable Goods	11,900	11,900	12,100	0	- 200
Nondurable Goods	5,000	5,100	5,300	-100	- 300
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,400	11,600	12,000	-200	- 600
Transportation	5,100	5,300	5,400	-200	- 300
Communication	3,900	3,900	4,300	0	- 400
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	+ 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	47,700	47,700	46,700	0	+1,000
Wholesale Trade	13,500	13,500	13,000	0	+ 500
Durable Goods	9,000	9,000	8,700	0	+ 300
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,500	4,300	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	34,200	34,200	33,700	0	+ 500
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	4,000	4,000	-100	- 100
Food Stores	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	- 200
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0
Eating and Drinking Places	12,700	12,700	12,100	0	+ 600
Other Retail Trade	9,600	9,500	9,400	+100	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	10,900	10,800	10,800	+100	+ 100
Banking	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,700	4,600	4,700	+100	0
SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS	46,800	46,200	44,600	+600	+2,200
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	2,900	2,600	2,600	+300	+ 300
Health Services	11,300	11,100	10,200	+200	+1,100
Social Services	2,500	2,500	2,800	0	- 300
Membership Organizations	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Other Services and Mining	28,600	28,500	27,500	+100	+1,100
GOVERNMENT	42,500	42,500	44,100	0	-1,600
Federal	12,400	12,500	12,800	-100	- 400
State	12,000	11,900	12,500	+100	- 500
Local	18,100	18,100	18,800	0	- 700

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAR 1982	Revised FEB 1982	Revised MAR 1981	MAR Change From FEB 1982	MAR Change From MAR 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	31,200	30,875	29,975	+325	+1,225
CONSTRUCTION	1,700	1,750	1,675	- 50	+ 25
MANUFACTURING	2,675	2,650	2,575	+ 25	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,225	1,225	1,225	0	0
Transportation	550	575	575	- 25	- 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	675	650	650	+ 25	+ 25
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,775	5,700	5,200	+ 75	+ 575
Wholesale Trade	925	925	875	0	+ 50
Retail Trade	4,850	4,775	4,325	+ 75	+ 525
General Merchandise Stores	725	750	600	- 25	+ 125
Food Stores	675	600	600	+ 75	+ 75
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	750	750	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	1,700	1,700	1,475	0	+ 225
Other Retail Trade	1,000	975	900	+ 25	+ 100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,200	1,200	1,175	0	+ 25
SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS	4,200	4,150	4,200	+ 50	0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	650	625	0	+ 25
Business Services	725	700	700	+ 25	+ 25
Health Services	700	725	675	- 25	+ 25
Social Services	325	325	425	0	- 100
Other Services	1,800	1,750	1,775	+ 50	+ 25
GOVERNMENT	14,425	14,200	13,925	+225	+ 500
Federal	4,350	4,325	4,200	+ 25	+ 150
State	5,500	5,350	5,450	+150	+ 50
Local	4,575	4,525	4,275	+ 50	+ 300

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAR 1982	FEB 1982	MAR 1981	MAR 1982	FEB 1982	MAR 1981	MAR 1982	FEB 1982	MAR 1981
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$451.69	$446.42	$425.39	43.1	43.3	43.9	$10.48	$10.31	$9.69
CONSTRUCTION	429.87	367.43	341.79	40.1	36.2	35.2	10.72	10.15	9.71
MANUFACTURING	279.57	272.76	249.94	39.1	38.8	39.8	7.15	7.03	6.28
Durable Goods	294.78	294.47	270.44	39.2	38.9	41.1	7.52	7.57	6.58
Nondurable Gds	246.65	228.51	212.25	38.6	38.6	37.5	6.39	5.92	5.66
COMM and UTIL	365.71	370.96	338.65	40.1	40.9	40.9	9.12	9.07	8.28
TRADE *	240.44	230.03	232.51	35.1	34.8	34.6	6.85	6.61	6.72
BANKING	186.20	185.98	177.77	38.0	37.8	38.9	4.90	4.92	4.57
ALBUQUERQUE									
Manufacturing	$283.71	$283.80	$260.07	38.6	38.3	40.7	$ 7.35	$ 7.41	$6.39

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - St. Joseph Hospital recently received the approval of the state Health Planning and Development Bureau to locate a $17.2 million, 128 bed hospital on the West Mesa. Work on the new hospital is scheduled to begin this summer by Hospital Building and Equipment Company of St. Louis and construction time is estimated at 18 to 20 months. The city-county Office of Comprehensive Employment and Training Administration is planning to employ a total of 1,000 low-income young people in minimum wage jobs this summer. This summer's program will most likely be the last because the CETA program is scheduled to be abolished later this year. Viehmann, Martin and Associates of Phoenix are continuing with plans to build a large shopping center on a 70 acre site in Paradise Hills. The developer's plans are only in the preliminary stage and details of the proposed shopping center will be disclosed at a later date. La Quinta Motor Inns have opened their second motel in Albuquerque, a 105-room facility near the International Airport. Work has started on a $10 million, five story office building near Wyoming and Menaul. Developers of the project are Cavan Associates of Phoenix and Johnson Real Estate Corporation of Racine, Wisconsin.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Potash Company of America is planning to shutdown its Eddy county mining operation for three weeks beginning June 7th. Approximately 600 workers will be affected by the shutdown. Carlsbad officials have requested county assistance in constructing roads for the 400 acre industrial park planned for the city. H & E Electric, the park's first announced tenant, plans to construct a $350,000 building on 2.5 acres in the new park.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) Regents have approved a $1.7 million project which will establish a Student Academic Center on the Portales campus. Work is expected to begin on the project by mid-summer and be completed in one year.

FARMINGTON AREA - Burnett Construction Company of Durango, Colorado was low bidder on a $2.9 million highway construction project on NM 371 south of Farmington. Arizona Public Service Company plans to spend $23 million this year on new particulate and sulfar dioxide removal equipment on Units 4 and 5 at the Four Corners Power Plant near Farmington. Gulf Energy Processing Company of Houston has been granted a state permit to construct a $490,000 natural gas plant near Fruitland. Unit 4 of the San Juan Generating Station went into commercial production in April, giving the plant employment of 850, according to company officials.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - As expected, Anaconda Copper Company closed its Jackpile uranium mine and Bluewater mill March 31st, resulting in the layoff of approximately 600 persons. The Anaconda facilities had been in operation for the past 30 years. Construction began on facilities for a new auto dealership in Gallup. Amigo Chevrolet will employ approximately 60 persons when in operation. Giant Industries Incorporated plans to move a large part of their gasoline transportation operation from Farmington to Gallup. The move should involve about 40 jobs.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - The new $1.25 million headquarters for ARCO Oil and Gas Company is completed and the company's employees plan to move into the 23,500 square foot facility on April 17. W. A. Jourdan has begun work on a third clinic unit for Hospital Corp. of America and completion of the project is planned for this July. The new 62-unit Lovington Inn is scheduled to open for business May 1st. A slowdown in oilwell drilling activity in the Permian Basin is in evidence as the number of rigs making hole dropped below the comparable year ago figure. The local Employment Service office has begun taking Unemployment Insurance claims for area roughnecks, the first time this has happened in the last five years according to office manager Arlie Dorsey. Empire Drilling Company has leased 25 acres at Hobbs Industrial Air Park and plans to establish a oilwell drilling rig manufacturing operation which would employ about 80 persons.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Construction of the $1.4 million Swig Pecan Processing plant is about 80% complete and the plant should be in operation by June. Several new retail stores have opened in the new Mesilla Valley Mall, including O'Ryan's Tavern, Oshman's Sporting Goods and Miller's Outpost. Fedmart closed their Las Cruces department store in April resulting in the layoff of about 40 persons. Enersteel has begun initial operations at their new fabricated steel manufacturing plant near Santa Teresa with a workforce of less than 50. Stahlman Farms laid off approximately 200 seasonal workers at their pecan growing and processing operation.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Construction is scheduled to begin in May on the fiberboard manufacturing plant being planned by Public Service Company of New Mexico and Woods, Inc. The large plant is scheduled to be in operation in 1984, at which time approximately 120 persons will be employed at the facility.

RATON AREA - Burdick Contracting Company of Dupont, Colorado was awarded the $3.6 million contract to build a 47 mile water pipeline, part of the city of Raton's Cimarron Diverson Project. Interwest Ltd. of Albuquerque won the $2.9 million contract to construct the pump stations for the water project.

ROSWELL AREA - Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) officials are now considering various plans for a proposed $3 million instructional center to be located at the ENMU Roswell campus. ENMU officials want to have the new instructional center complete by early 1983 as the first phase of a five year, $18.5 million building project at the Roswell campus. B. J. Hughes Company has begun construction of district headquarters in Roswell for their oilfield service operations. B. J. Hughes plans to operate 35 service trucks out of the new headquarters.

SANTA FE AREA - Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) received approval from Santa Fe county officials to construct a 45 mile high voltage power line from PNM's Algodones Station to the Norton station northwest of Santa Fe. The 345-kilovolt line project is expected to cost approximately $12.4 million. The Four Seasons Nursing Center was given state approval to expand at a cost of $1.3 million. Skaggs Incorporated has purchased 15 acres on Cerrillos Road for the location of one of the firm's super centers.

SILVER CITY AREA - Phelps Dodge Corporation has announced plans to suspend operation at its Tyrone copper mine on april 17th due to a deteriorating market for the metal. Approximately 600 workers are expected to be laid off at the company's Grant county mine due to the suspension of operations. This follows on the heals of Kennecott Corporation's shutdown of its Chino copper operation in Hurley, the first phase of which began on March 28th. Sharon Steel had closed its Continental copper mine near Silver City in early January because of the depressed copper prices. An estimated 2,000 workers in Grant county are expected to be out of work by late this June if announced plans by the copper producers are carried out.

TAOS AREA - Taos Ski Valley closed operations on April 11th, resulting in about 400 persons being laid off. Many of the laid off seasonal workers leave the Taos area. A number of area retail trade and service businesses also lay off workers when the ski season ends. Carson National Forest has began some rehiring of their seasonal workforce.

TUCUMCARI AREA - Curran Houston Incorporated has established office operations in Tucumcari to supervise construction of a CO2 pipeline the company is building for ARCO Oil Company. The pipeline will run from Walsenburg, Colorado to Seminole, Texas. The Ute Dam project is scheduled to go to bid in May with a possible construction start this October. The project will involve raising the level of both the dam and spillway at an estimated cost of $21.5 million.

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March 1982 CPI-U - 283.1

(Base 1967=100)

CPI-W - 282.5

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

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